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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN REQUESTS

BILATERAL WITH SECRETARY DURING 29TH UNGA

REF: STATE 170108

1. WHEN I DELIVERED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN AUGUST 10, KARJALAINEN DURING DISCUSSION RAISED WITH ME HIS DESIRE TO HAVE A BRIEF BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY DURING THE 29TH UNGA.

2. KARJALAINEN SAID THAT HE WILL BE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK DIRECTLY FROM HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO BONN (THE FIRST OF ANY FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO FRG) ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 20-21. KARJALAINEN WILL GIVE HIS SPEECH TO THE UNGA ON SEPTEMBER 23. HE PLANS TO STAY IN THE US, PRIMARILY AT THE UN, FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

3. KARJALAINEN WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY EITHER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. HE

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ENVISAGES ONLY A SHORT MEETING, ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS,

SOME BRIEF DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL MATTERS (THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS) AND, INEVITABLY, THE CSCE. HE WOULD PREFER THE MEETING SOMETIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 21 AND 25, EXCEPT FOR SEPTEMBER 23, BUT IS FLEXIBLE ON THIS.

4. I STRONGLY URGE THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, A SHORT MEETING BE SQUEEZED IN EITHER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON -- EVEN THOUGH I FULLY REALIZE THAT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IS EXTREMELY TIGHT. IT HAS BEEN OUR LONG STANDING NATIONAL POLICY FOR FINLAND TO SUPPORT FINNISH INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY THROUGH MEETINGS BETWEEN HIGH OFFICIALS. KARJALAINEN HAS TRADITIONALLY HAD BILATERALS WITH THE US SECRETARY OF STATE DURING HIS VISITS TO THE UNGA. LAST YEAR NONE WAS ARRANGED, BECAUSE KARJALAINEN HAD SEEN SECRETARY ROGERS HERE DURING THE CSCE. SINCE FINLAND WILL BE THE HOST FOR THE FINAL CSCE, IF AND WHEN IT COMES OFF, THIS IS YET ANOTHER STRONG JUSTIFICATION FOR A SHORT BILATERAL.

5. I HAVE OF COURSE NOT MADE ANY COMMITMENTS OR PROMISES TO KARJALAINEN, AND HAVE TOLD HIM THAT I DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE SECRETARY WOULD BE AT THE UNGA OR IN WASHINGTON. WILL AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
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